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The Honorable Mr. John T. Conway Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue N.W., Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

INVITATION TO THE SALT LAKE WORKOUT

The DOE Office of Environmental Management (EM) and the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), would like to extend an invitation to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) to attend a meeting on July 29 and 30 in Salt Lake City. The meeting is being called the "Salt Lake Workout" because the purpose of the meeting is to have a working session between DOE-EM, RL and its contractors, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Washington Department of Ecology regarding the future program priorities and funding outlook for the Hanford Site. The perspectives of the DNFSB regarding site safety would be very valuable in the Workout and we would like to have one or two members of the DNFSB participate. We have also invited the Hanford Advisory Board to share their values and priorities for Hanford cleanup as well.

The focus of the two-day meeting will be on Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, but will also look at the longer term with respect to possible efficiencies and breakthrough thinking in our approaches to cleanup. More detailed information on the agenda and logistics will follow later.

If you have any questions, you may call me, or your staff may call Alice Murphy, RL's Chief Financial Officer, on (509) 376-6657.

Sincerely,

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